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Subject: SOC 521- Research Methods in Sociology I

FM: 60

Level/program: Master (M.A)

Semester: II

Time: 3 Hours

PM: 30

Candidates are required to answer the questions in their own words as far as practicable.

Attempt ALL of the following Very Short Answer Questions.

10x1=10

- 1. Highlight any two types of research designs.
- 2. What is hypothesis?
- 3. Write any two features of social research.
- 4. Define interdisciplinary social research.
- 5. Why a researcher should be aware on ethical issues?
- 6. Clarify the concept of variable.
- 7. Differentiate between induction and deduction.
- 8. Give the clear meaning of metatheory.
- **9.** What is meant by validity in research?
- 10. Which research design allows comparison between different groups?

Attempt any THREE of the Following Short Questions.

3x8 = 24

- 11. Highlight the objectives and scope of social research.
- 12. Why is it important to distinguish between correlation and causality? Justify.
- 13. Briefly discuss the Marxist metatheory and research protocol.
- 14. What type of research design is called good research design? Highlight its characteristics.

Attempt any TWO of the Following Long Questions.

2x13 = 26

- **15.** Highlight the importance of metatheory in social research and examine the feminist metatheory.
- 16. Discuss the strengths and limitations of experimental and semi-experimental research design.
- 17. What are the distinguishing characteristics of disciplinary social research? How does it differ from interdisciplinary and problem-oriented approaches in terms of theoretical frameworks and methodologies?
